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HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP.

Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, who is making a brief sojourn at the national capital, paid a visit April 29, to the Washington Monument, at the laying of the corner stone of which he pronounced the oration on the Fourth of July, 1848. He is the second Vice President of the Monument Association, and was accompanied on this occasion by Hon. Horatio King, the Secretary. Some years since Mr. Winthrop stood upon the summit of the unfinished shaft when it had reached a height of 470 feet, but this was the first time that he ever made the complete ascent. Not inaptly did Mr. Winthrop as he left the monument suggest that the elevator that bore him safely to the skies and back be christened "Excelsior."

Mr. Winthrop was welcomed to the floor of both houses of Congress, the Massachusetts Senators introducing him to the new members of the Senate. Mr. Winthrop is nearly eighty-two years of age. It is forty-two years since he pronounced the oration above alluded to. What changes in Washington city and our entire country have those years witnessed!

—Our friend Dr. Richet informs us that the Ex-Emperor of Brazil, Don Pedro, has enrolled his name as a foundation member of the French *Société d'Arbitrage*. On a certain occasion Garibaldi said, "King Victor is no king like another, but, verily noble as we are." Don Pedro's action shows that he is a monarch unlike the common run of kings. Neither he nor we have forgotten that he was compelled to abdicate, not by his people, but by a military *pronunciamento.—Arbitrator.*

—A Berlin correspondent of the Glasgow *Herald* reports that Emperor William, a little time ago, wishing to realize the sensations of a soldier on guard, put himself on duty for twenty-four hours in an extemporized guardroom within his own garden at Potsdam, and stood sentry during four spells of two hours each during that time. He wore the uniform of aprivate soldier, carried a rifle, and ate of the soldier's ordinary. Only one or two persons of his *entourage* were aware of what he was doing until he had done it. When the whole thing was over he was asked how he enjoyed standing sentry at night, and he answered—"I was thinking all the time *how many millions of poor wretches have gone through the drudgery of military life while loathing it, and have got killed in wars for the causes of which they did not care a button!*"

—"It took a few days only to get Israel out of Egypt but it took forty years to get Egypt out of Israel." To save a nation from a war is one thing. To purge the spirit of war from the hearts of the people, so they will not plan for, expect and prepare for war and long for it is another.

—It is stated that Emperor William is preparing a scheme for a peaceful compromise of the existing differences between Germany and France, and will submit the terms to the French Government at an early day. The plan is said to be so entirely equitable that its tender by the more aggressive of the two Powers cannot fail of cordial acceptance by the other, though it may possibly be subjected to slight modifications.

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